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For : PUNCHING TOOL PROVIDED WITH A TOOL IDENTIFICATION  
MEDIUM AND PUNCH PRESS PROVIDED WITH A TOOL  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fee or examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-13, and 20.

REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination and calculation of the filing fees in the above-identified patent application.

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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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